

VA101-13-R-0025 AMENDMENT A00004, RFI RESPONSES			
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1	RFI Question #61 and Section 00-11-21; C Part III - Proposal Requirements	<p>The Government response to RFI Question #61 did not actually answer the question asked. Please confirm if Offerors will be allowed to amend their Bid Schedule, via email and/or facsimile, prior to 1:00 pm (CT) on June 6, 2013.</p> <p>By doing so, will allow Offerors to send the Technical Proposal, Price Proposal and CD's to the VA the day before (June 5th), which allows enough time for overnight delivery. Offerors obviously would have their Bid Schedule already completed in the delivered Price Proposal; however, if the Offeror chose to do so, they could amend their Bid Schedule with "up-to-date" pricing. The Offeror would still be 100% responsible for sending and confirming the VA received their amended Bid Schedule before 1:00 pm (CT) on June 6, 2013. If for some reason the VA did not received the amended Bid Schedule (via email or fax), before the 1:00 pm deadline, the VA would still have the completed Bid Schedule that was originally delivered the day before.</p> <p>By allowing the Offeror to amend their Bid Schedule, via email and/or fax, benefits the VA because the Offeror usually receives their most competitive subcontractor bids only a few moments before bid time. Therefore, the Offeror is able to provide the VA their best price. Also, this alleviates the need for Offerors to spend unnecessary funds on airline expenses, car rental expenses and hotel expenses. Please advise if this procedure is acceptable to the VA.</p>	Offerors will NOT be allowed to amend their bid schedule via email and/or facsimile. Both Price and Technical proposals are due on June 6, 2013 at 1:00 PM Central Time.
2	Section 00-11-21; A5-B1a; Page 76 and 77	Please confirm the number of projects to be submitted for Corporate Project Experience. On page 75, it states maximum of five (5) completed projects. However, on page 77, it states to provide no more than four (4) projects.	The number of projects to be submitted for the Corporate Project Experience is a maximum of five (5).
<b>Amendment A00003, RFI 2</b>	Basis of Design, page 26 of 27	CPM scheduling – requires building a new roadway while keeping the existing roadway in service? Is it your intent to require the existing drive remain fully open while the new drive section is being constructed, or can the campus utilize the main entrance for that time duration?	<b>Revised response:</b> Existing driveway will need to be closed for only short periods of time. Might need to be weekends and evenings for longer periods. Since the drive way is close to the construction site, crane safety will need to be considered. Contractor shall coordinate closures with the Senior Resident Engineer.

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<b><i>Amendment A00003, RFI 9</i></b>	Section 00 11 21 page 87 of 101	This makes reference to specifications being furnished in Microsoft Word 7.0 and drawings in AutoCad version 2000. These are both extremely old file formats considering the release date of these software versions and we would be concerned with the integrity of our documentation conversion back to these software versions. Will delivery of design documents in more current versions of these software applications be acceptable?	Yes, more current versions of Microsoft Word and AutoCad software applications are acceptable.
<b><i>Amendment A00003, RFI 12</i></b>	general question	Will the VA require a review of the garage to allow for SCI spaces (spinal cord patient handicapped spaces)?	No SCI spaces are required. Refer to Drawing G0002, Parking Space Allocation Chart.
<b><i>Amendment A00003, RFI 84</i></b>	Basis of Design, 4/19/2013 pages 2 and 14 of 27	Who is the manufacturer of the thin brick and what is the color and finish? Is it a true thin brick and not a brick that is only available in full bricks that need to be cut? If it is a true thin brick, do they have both a short and long face corner brick along with a double long face corner brick to comply with the RFP?	The intent is that the brick be thin brick and that it match as close as possible the brick of the clinic addition.